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THIS TIME I KNOW I'VE GONE BANANAS.

EITHER THAT, OR I'M SEEING A GHOST--



--AND I DON'T KNOW WHICH IS WORSE!



SHE'S GONE--BUT WAS SHE EVER THERE AT ALL?

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT HER SO MUCH LATELY...I MUST WANT TO SEE HER SO DESPERATELY, I'M IMAGINING THINGS!

BUT SHE'S DEAD--

I'VE GOT TO ACCEPT THAT--



--OR THE PAIN WILL DRIVE ME MAD FOR REAL!

IT'S ALL MYSTERIO'S FAULT! THE ILLUSIONS HE CREATED--MAKING ME SEE MY OLD ENEMIES, FORCING ME TO DOUBT MY SANITY--!

ALL OF THAT INTROSPECTION MUST HAVE BROKEN DOWN SOME HIDDEN WALL IN MY MEMORY--

--OPENING UP A WHOLE PANDORA'S BOX FULL OF GUILT--AND DELUSION!

*LAST ISSUE--LEN.



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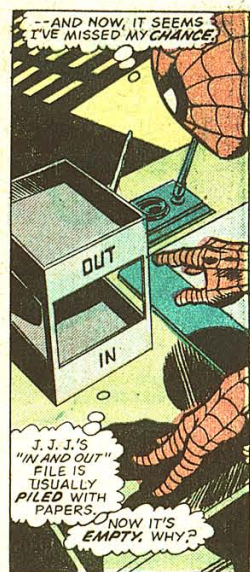
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AW, NOBODY'S HOME.



EVER SINCE MYSTERIO WENT OFF TO JAIL LAST WEEK, I'VE HAD THE FEELING JONAH JAMESON KNEW MORE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED THAN HE LET ON.

I'VE BEEN SO BUSY WITH COLLEGE, I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO ASK HIM ABOUT IT BEFORE--



--AND NOW, IT SEEMS I'VE MISSED MY CHANCE.

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NOW IT'S EMPTY, WHY?



I GUESS THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER: JAMESON ISN'T HERE--AND HASN'T BEEN FOR SOME TIME!



THE QUESTION NOW BECOMES--WHERE IS HE AND HOW LONG IS HE GOING TO BE GONE?

JONAH'S SECRETARY WOULDN'T TELL SPIDER-MAN--

--BUT SHE'LL PROBABLY TELL PETER PARKER.

AFTER ALL, BETTY AND I USED TO GO TOGETHER--



--EVEN IF IT DOES SEEM LIKE AN ETERNITY AGO.

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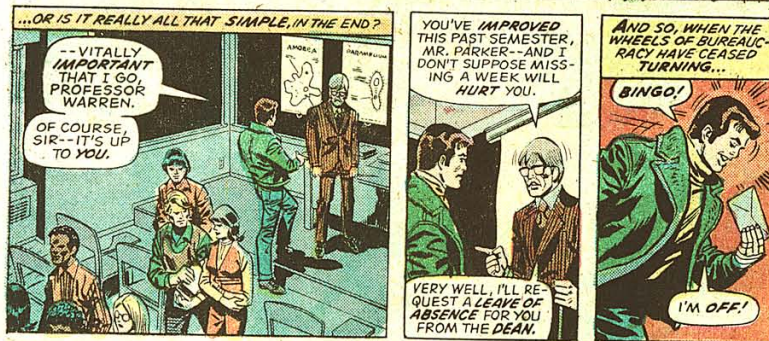
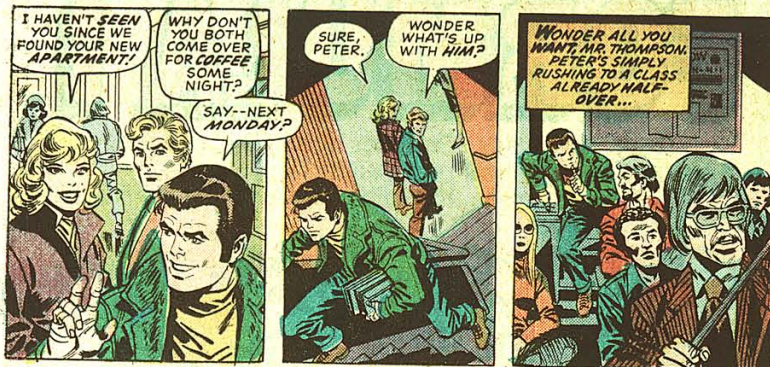
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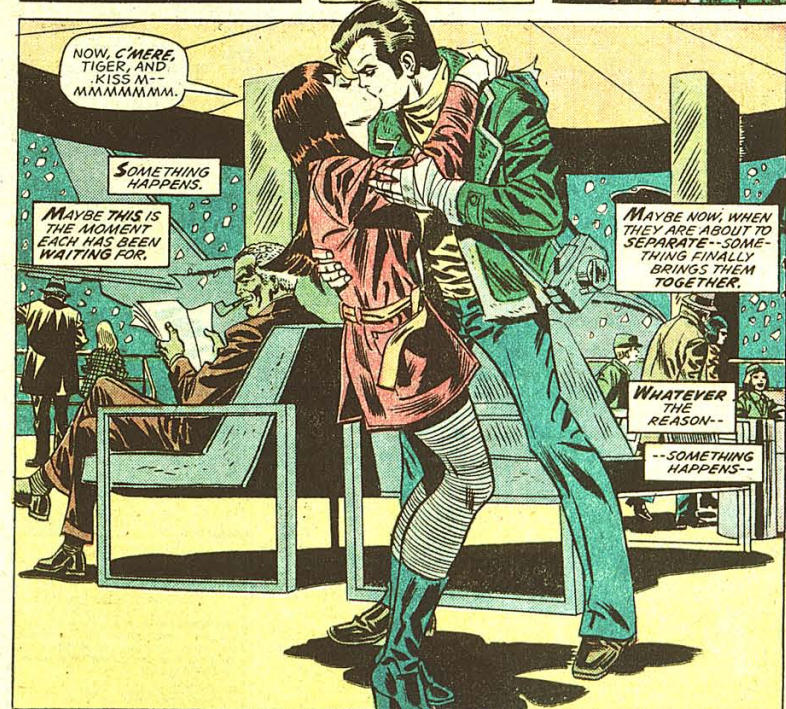
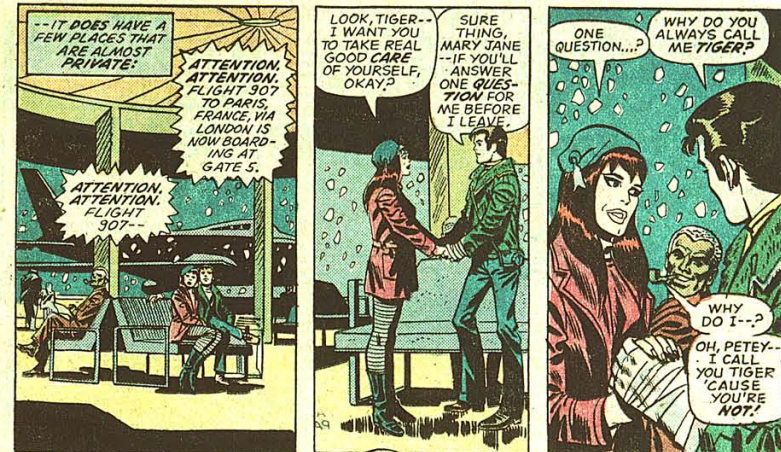
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COME ALONG, PETER. THAT'S OUR PLANE BOARDING UP AHEAD.

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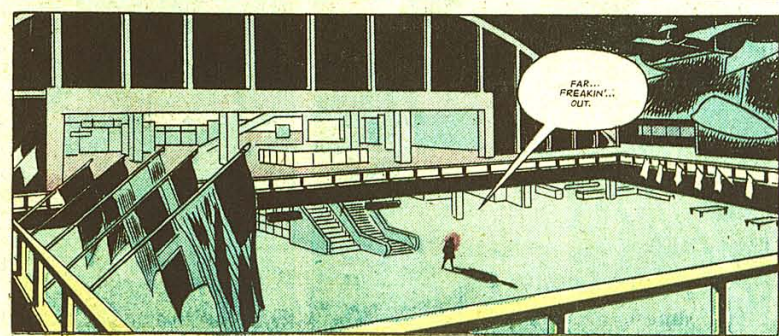
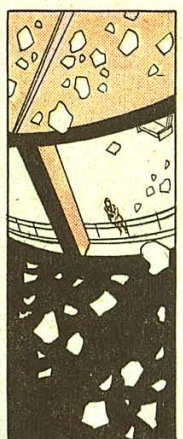
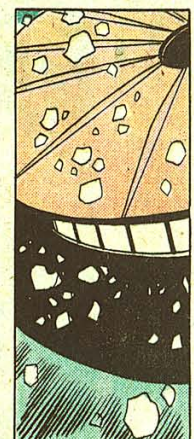
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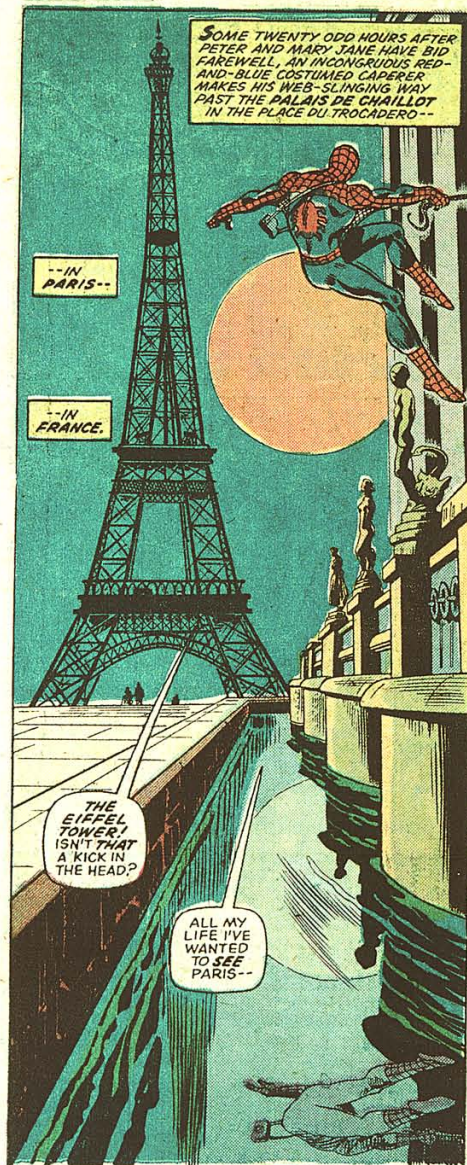
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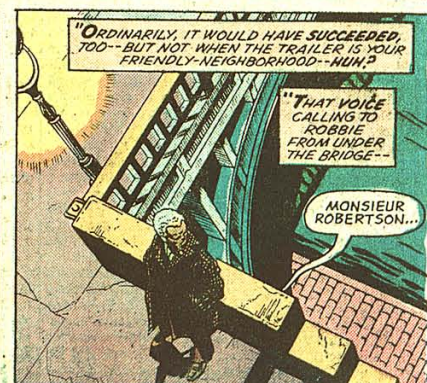
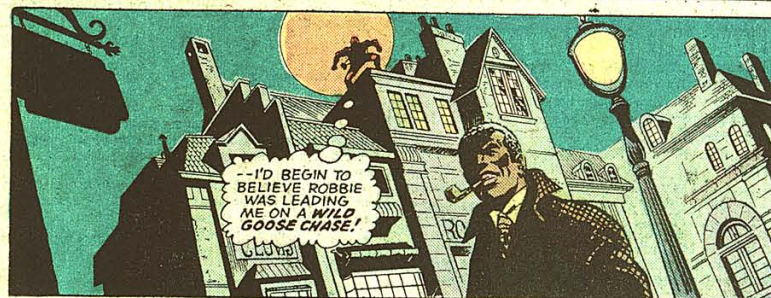
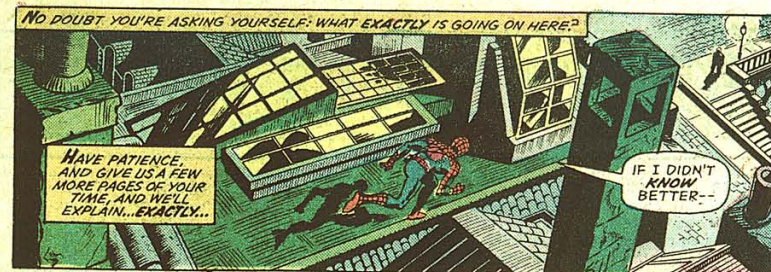


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JOHN KOWALSKI SCREAMS, "MY LOVE MUST DIE," AND LEARNS ONCE MORE THAT WAR IS HELL!

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THE SPIDER'S WEB

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Dear Marvel,

SPIDER-MAN #140, was a superb issue. Spidey seems to be getting better with each issue; and this is probably due to Andru's constantly improving artwork, combined with more focus on Pete's personal life. The strip's supporting characters are beginning to get more exposure; something they haven't had since the Stan Lee days (if only he'd return!). I've always felt that the book was not about Spider-Man, but about Peter Parker who just happens to be Spider-Man.

The story ended beautifully. Spidey's fights should emphasize more of his fantastic spider-powers, rather than how dangerous this month's villain happens to be. And it was sort of 'unique' to see a story end without Conway killing off somebody.

One more thing: Is Flash Thompson's first name really "Flash"?

DAN GUBBIN
14453 Llama Street NW
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No, Dan, Flash's first name is actually Sparkles—we only call him "Flash" for short, if you appreciate our flare for ingenuity. (Sorry, we just couldn't resist that one!)

Dear People:

The controversial discussion on the aging of Peter Parker finally prompted me to write, since I think the whole matter is very tied up with what exactly makes his person and that of Spider-Man great. SPIDER-MAN was a winner from the beginning. There is something in it which touched its readers and catapulted it to fame. I feel that it was the atmosphere and feeling of the mag—and I feel you owe it to this feeling to have Peter graduate.

This mag, along with the early X-MEN, was almost the perfect embodiment of youth and in the sixties. The light banter, the cafe and folk-singing hang-out joints—even Peter's motorcycle—were signs of this. Pete was a scientist, the only type of student to be in the early sixties, and still up there with the sociology students in the more socially-concerned late sixties. Flash played the omnipresent antagonist, Aunt May the parental apron strings we all curse but at the same time love. Above all there was the feeling Parker was a bit like our generation then—though I was only in high school, I felt it. There was an optimism, a joy in life and a feeling that it would all turn out right after all, that is lacking these days. No matter what situation there was in the world, youth and its vigor and enthusiasm seemed more than a match for it. Come Rhino, come Vulture, come King Pin, Spider-Man always had webs and energy enough. He was independent (earning money in a way which did not tie him down), but responsible. He had a dream, and he pursued it. He was us, and we loved it.

I think this is what Paul DeRogatis meant when he said that Parker should not be made a product of all generations. Moreover, I would add, I do not think he could be. Just as Doc Savage and the Shadow are too thirties, Spider-Man is too uniquely sixties. A student who lived on campus in the wonderful/disappointing/ambivalent sixties, and felt the growth pains we all did, should not have to stay in the same scene for the apathetic seventies. The memory

of Spider-Man stopping the campus demonstration is too powerful to brook replacement. That might be one reason why Parker is on campus less and less. So, I say, let him graduate.

Because Peter Parker has grown up like the rest of his generation.

Bernadette L. Bosky
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Little did we suspect, way back in ish #137, when we acknowledged Charles Hoffman's letter by asking Marvelwood Assembled for the answer to that musical question, "should Spidey bug out college," that we would get such response. A trickle we expected, yes. A mild flow of opinions, yes. But not such a mighty raging deluge as that which has flooded us.

And your letter, Bernie, quite cogently sums up the general feelings of our vast corps of editors—at-large—but we don't wanna make any hasty snap judgments, so there's still plenty of time for the rest of you errant Spideyophiles to vote. We're ("ahem") waiting.

Dear Gerry,

I enjoyed SPIDER-MAN #140 much more than I have any issue in recent months; not that the preceding issues have been bad, but this one seemed like a model example of what a great Spidey story should be like—starting off was the multi-panel cover, which is one of the things about the early sixties comics that I miss; I don't know why, but I'm a sucker for this type of cover layout.

There are many things to rave about and the first is the usual meeting of Spidey and Jonah. From growing up with these two people, their reactions and feeling are recognizable and this familiarity makes the comedic effect of any situation involving them better understood and realized. However, I noticed a difference this time, in that—aside from the jokes—they actually had a conversation where the plot was developed some more! This added bit made the scene doubly enjoyable. And finally, when Jonah throws his shoe out the window hoping to hit Spidey with it, the icing was put on the cake.

The Jackal has quickly become one of my favorite Marvel villains. The device attached to Pete's arm was really good; it provided a good situation for Pete to utilize his intelligence. Pete's "book" knowledge is one of the attributes that I would like to see used more. This ish is one of my all-time favorite Spidey's.

Dean Mullaney
81 Delaware Street
Staten Island, NY 10304

Glad ya liked the ish, Dean, but if that mildly-magnificent mini-classic grabbed ya, just wait! Next issue, where we finally trot out that "first-class surprise story of the year" that we promised on the letters page of #140. Needless to say, people, this is the one Marvel you don't wanna miss. We mean it!

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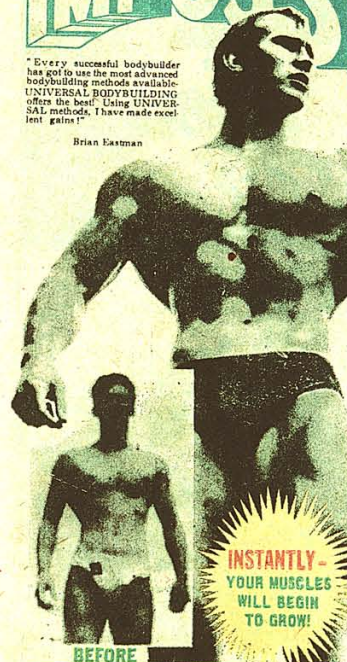


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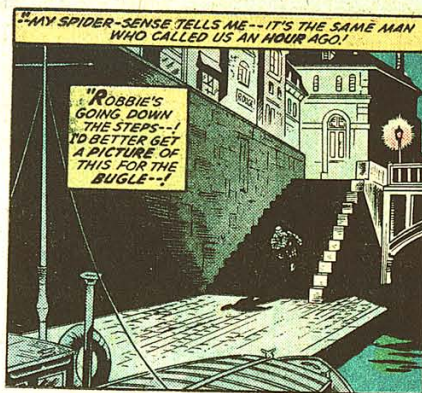


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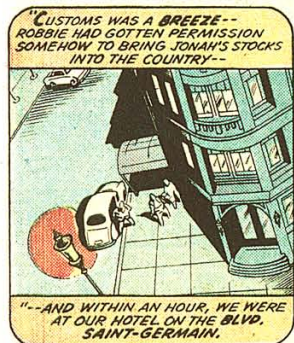
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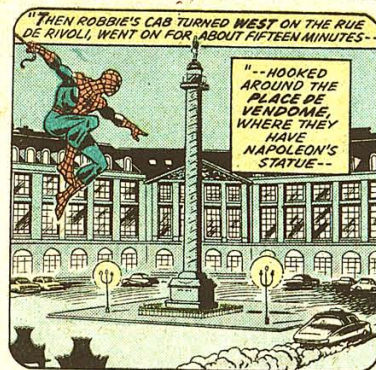
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Just one last note before I sign off. Didja hear about Ridgely Park, N.J., Volunteer Ambulance Corps? It's a life-saving service, on call 24 hours a day — and a member of our blushing' Bullpen, one of the five females who were admitted this year, reports that Corps Captain Tim La Tour (who's also a Ridgely Park policeman), has been spotted wearing a "Make Mine Marvel" button proudly on his uniform! And we've heard of various other uniformed stalwarts around the country who've been seen with Marvel buttons! How about telling us of any you've seen — we'll make up a list and put it in the Mighty Marvel Time Capsule, to confound the archeologists of the future! But, till then, remember — it's time to take a turtle to tea!

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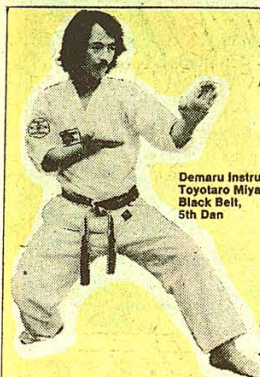
ITEM! Looks like just about the hottest thing in town is still our mighty MARVEL VALUE STAMPS! Seems your batty Bullpen is constantly being deluged with letters wondering just what sort'a goodies you can get by being the proud possessor of a completely-filled Stamp Book. Well, just catch this, Faithful One: a completed MVS book will entitle you to a whoopin' ten percent discount on any of the matchless merchandise now being offered to you by your big-hearted House of Ideas. Just send your completed stamp book, along with a large-sized, stamped, self-addressed envelope, to **MERCHANDISING, c/o MARVEL COMICS GROUP, 9th Floor, 575 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022**, and your MVS book will be winging its way back to you, complete with dazzling discount coupon, faster than you can say "Quicksilver!" Of course, if you're just itching to get your hands on our marvelous merchandise now, just clip the coupon on this issue's merchandise page, and send your order along with your completed Stamp Book. We'll give you your first ten percent discount immediately — just because we love ya. We'll also send you another discount coupon for your next order, and we'll keep sending coupons as long as you keep sending orders. In other words, all holders of completed MARVEL VALUE STAMP books are eligible for a perpetual ten percent discount — besides having your name inscribed on our great, golden Honor Roll here in the hallowed halls of Marvel. And if you haven't completed your Stamp Book yet, don't fret, Effendi. We're gonna keep printing our MVS stamps in, our liltin' letters pages till each and every trusty True Believer has a chance to join the club. (Of course, if you never even heard of our much-vaunted VALUE STAMPS till you read this blazing Bulletin — and if you haven't, you must have been livin' in Lower Slobovia — you can still stay your mitts on a sparkling Stamp Book by sending us a paltry fifty cents.) Who says this isn't the Marvel Age of Mind-bending Bargains?

ITEM! Meticulous MICHELE WOLF-MAN, the only Bullpenner crazy enough — (Opps, we didn't mean to plug her hard-working husband's merely hysterical humor mag. It just slipped out somehow.) — to attempt the mammoth task of opening and reading all of the liltin' letters, awesome orders, and nifty notes that seem to find their way to the little log cabin here on Madison Avenue, nearly collapsed from exhaustion the other day after making an all-out effort to clear away the enormous backlog of mail which was piling up in every available nook and cranny of our already undersized offices. It appears that some of our peer-

less pen-pals have been addressing their mighty missives merely to MARVEL COMICS GROUP and not to the specific mag for which the letter was intended — which means that these missives must sit, feeling lonely and unloved, until all the properly addressed mail has been attended to. And what, you may ask, pen at the ready to scribble off a timely tome to your favorite titanic title, is properly addressed mail? So long as it gets where it's going, isn't it properly addressed, you quite rightly inquire. Nay, we respond — a thousand times nay! Even though the Meticulous One pursues her appointed task for as long as she has strength in her fast-moving fingers, she must read the notes addressed to an individual, book or department first. Any mail addressed solely to "MARVEL COMICS GROUP" is forced to languish alone until MICHELE can find a lophole in her ever-burgeoning workload to attend to it properly. So get on the ball, Tigers. Please, for your sake and ours, follow these three guidelines: First, try to keep your cogent comments down to one type-written page, the better and faster for us to read them. Second, address your dazzling discourses to the mag for which they are intended, be it GREENSKIN'S GRABAG or THE HYBORIAN PAGE. Third, if you wish a reply to your letter, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope to help us get it to you, as quickly as inhumanly possible. With any luck, between you, us, and the ever-peerless Postal Service, the wheels of progress will keep rolling smoothly along. (And we'll believe that the day we see it.)

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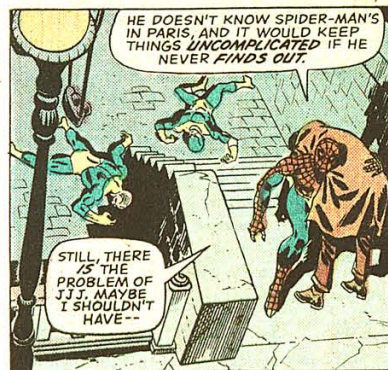
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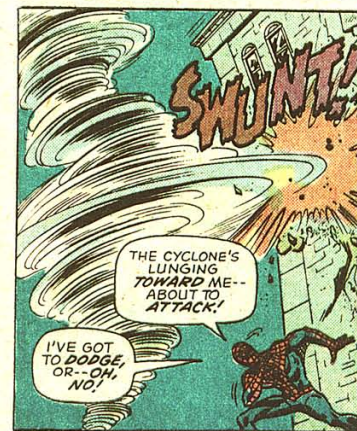
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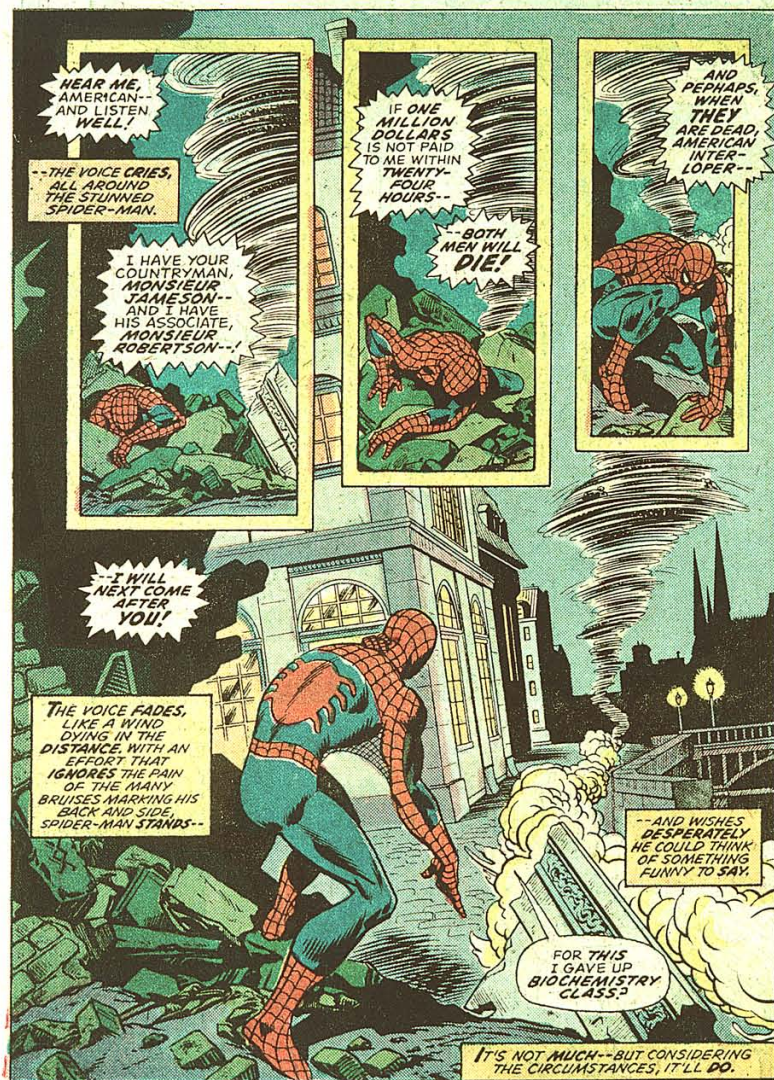
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